

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY THIRD SESSION

—OF THE—

❧ Judson Baptist Association, ❧

—HELD WITH—

CENTRE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH,

September 10, 11 and 12th, 1885.



OFFICERS:

W. C. THOMAS, Moderator.....Richmond, Miss.
L. S. OWEN, Clerk.....Saltillo, Miss.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, TreasurerRichmond, Miss.



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JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

The 33d Session of the Judson Association convened with "Center Hill Church," September 10, 1885.

Introductory by Elder W. H. McKinney—Text, John, 3rd chapter, 3rd and 5th verses—Theme, The New Birth—after which, one hour was given for refreshments.

The Association being called together by singing, and it appearing that the former Moderator was not present, on motion, Elder Wm. C. Thomas was chosen Moderator, and J. M. Cook, requested to act as Clerk of the Temporary Organization.

The Moderator appointed Elders Pulley and Owen to read the letters from the several churches.

Petitionary letters being called for, Macedonia Church, Itawamba County, asked to be admitted to membership, which was unanimously received, and her delegate welcomed by the Moderator, to a seat with the Body.

Elders L. Ball and R. O. Bean being requested to act as tellers, the Association went into permanent organization, which resulted as follows:

Moderator.....	Elder W. C. Thomas
Clerk.....	Elder L. S. Owen
Treasurer.....	J. M. Armstrong

On motion, the following report on the division of the Judson Association was adopted as a part of the Minutes of this Association, and the Clerk requested to furnish West Judson Association with a copy of the same, to wit:

"It will be remembered that at the last session of this Association, and held with Euclatubbe Church in September, 1884, a division of the same was recommended, thereby forming two Associations, and appointing a Convention to meet with the Church at Pleasant Hill, on the 1st Saturday in November, 1884 and recommended the Churches composing the Association to meet in said Convention, by one delegate from each Church, with instructions for, or against division.

Said Convention, accordingly, met at the time and place designated, and was duly organized by electing Elder J. J. Andrews Chairman, and requesting J. M. Cook to act as Secretary.

The Chairman then appointed a committee on credentials with Brother L. S. Owen as Chairman.

Upon report, it was ascertained that about thirty churches were represented, and that all except two had instructed for "Division."

The question of "Division" was then considered by the body and carried unanimously, making the Mobile & Ohio railroad the division line; that portion east of the railroad retaining the original name—Judson—and the portion west of the railroad, agreeing to be known as the West Judson Association, and to meet in session with the Church at Tupelo on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1885.

J. M. COOK, Sec'y,
J. J. ANDREWS, Pres't.

Devotional Committee was appointed, consisting of Brothers J. M. Armstrong, Turner Powell, A. J. Dotey and the Deacons of Center Hill Church.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to wit: Elders J. C. Gillentine, W. L. Pulley and W. H. McKinney, as Committee on arrangement of Business, who immediately reported, recommending the same order of business as set forth in "Minutes" of this Association for year 1884, which report was received, adopted, and the Committee discharged.

The Moderator proceeded to appoint the following Committees, to wit:

On Associational Missions—Elder J. C. Gillentine, Chairman, Brothers J. W. Morgan and T. H. Pope.

State Missions—Elder W. L. Pulley, Chairman, J. M. Armstrong and T. J. Smith.

Foreign Missions—Elder J. W. Randolph, Chairman, Elder W. H. McKinney and Brother A. J. Dotey.

State of Religion—Elder W. H. McKinney, Chairman, Elder J. C. Gillentine and Brother David Ridings.

Sunday-schools—Elder L. S. Owen, Chairman, Rev. J. A. Brinkley and Elder W. H. Moore.

After benediction by Elder W. H. Moore, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning 8:30 o'clock.

By request of Devotional Committee, Elder R. O. Bean preached at night, from Ephesians, 2d chapter and 18th verse.

Friday, September 11th, 1885.

Association met according to adjournment at 8½ o'clock, a. m. The Moderator not having arrived, Elder J. C. Gillentine was requested to act as Moderator pro tem. Exercises opened by reading the 23d Psalm, and prayer by acting Moderator. Minutes of previous day read and adopted.

On motion, the order of business "Intemperance" was stricken out, and "Prohibition" was inserted instead. Correspondents were received and welcomed as follows:

From West Judson Association—Elder R. O. Bean, State Evangelist, and as Representative of Secretary of State Board—Elder L. Ball. Tombigbee Association—Elder St. Clair Lawrence.

Moderator resumed the appointment of committees as follows:

Ministerial Education—Elder W. J. Thomas, Chairman; L. S. Owen and S. H. Turner

Prohibition—J. A. Brinkley, Chairman; J. A. McCully and John Partlow.

Schools and Colleges—W. H. Moore, Chairman; J. F. Dalton and W. S. Sheffield.

Baptist Literature—J. M. Armstrong, Chairman; W. H. McKinney and Jesse Moore.

On Documents—John Partlow, Chairman; J. W. Morgan and John Thornberry.

On Finance—A. J. Dotey, Chairman; John Clayton and J. M. Armstrong.

Letter from Hopewell Church was read and her delegates welcomed to seats.

On motion, by Brother Pulley the Moderator, appointed the following committee to present a plan for the collection of Associational Missions—Elder W. L. Pulley, Chairman; J. C. Gillintine, W. H. McKinney, J. W. Randolph, and A. J. Dotey.

Adjourned for preaching at 11 o'clock. Elder J. C. Gillintine delivered a very able discourse to a large and attentive audience, from John, 6th and 44th verse. After benediction by Moderator adjourned for refreshments, until 2 o'clock.

After refreshments, Association resumed business at 2 o'clock, as follows:

On call by Moderator, the following reports from committees were read by the respective chairmen, and adopted, to wit:

Associational Missions.

Your Committee on Associational Missions report that we find a destitution in our bounds on this side of the river sufficient to employ one Missionary all of his time, and, brethren, the work is greatly need, for there are many sinners to contend with, also by conferring with Brother W. L. Pulley, we find the destitution on the east side of the river is great, and demands the whole time of a Missionary in that field.

Dear brethren, let us remember the words of the Master, to begin at home, and then extend it to the regions beyond. For this object we would recommend that pastors of churches lay the claims of Associational Missions before their respective churches.

J. C. GILLENTINE,
J. W. MORGAN,
T. H. POPE,
Committee.

State Missions.

Whatever our obligations may be to send the gospel abroad, it is certainly our duty to preach it to our people at home. The destitution in our conventional bounds is yet very great. On the west, commencing at Memphis, and sweeping around by way of New Orleans, we have a destitution of about 1200 miles. There are many counties in which there is not a preacher; and some in which there is no church. The gospel was to be preached at Jerusalem, in Judea, Samaria and in the regions beyond. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world," beginning at Jerusalem. Aside from this plain and positive command, there is another reason why we should christianize the people of our State—every man who is converted here and properly instructed is a contribution to foreign fields. Then, to preach the gospel at home is to send it abroad. There are a great many railroad towns building up, and destitutions all through the State among the Associations.

At the last meeting of the Baptist State Convention, important changes were made upon the plan of the entire work of the State, looking to the systematizing of the work and development of the churches. It is to be feared we have not been doing our duty in this department of our Christian work—not even in our own bounds. We should prayerfully consider the responsibility; the duty to preach the gospel to every creature is ours; if we have not and are not, we must have an excuse that God will accept; if not, sin lies at the door and the blood of sinners will be required at our hands. We would suggest that it is not a question of ability, but of will, and the want of a plan. We can't afford to meet our accountability in the absence of duty being done.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. PULLEY, Chairman,
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
T. J. SMITH.

Foreign Missions.

Your committee report that there are, at this day, eight hundred million yet in heathen darkness and utterly without the light of the gospel and we feel it to be our duty under the commission to give it to them; that Jesus requires us to do this, and up to this time the Baptists of the South have done but little toward this. Only about 50,000 annually, or about 4 per cent per head. Mississippi Baptists give only about \$3500 to this cause, while some Associations give almost nothing.

Your committee advise that this Association recommend all its members to enter heartily into the work of giving the gospel to those millions who have it not and that each church take up a collection at least once a year for this cause and that the ministers of this Association preach at least one sermon a year on

this subject to their churches and that ladies' missionary societies be established in each church, and finally that each be recommended to find a way to help us in this important matter.

J. W. RANDOLPH.

State of Religion.

Your committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report as follows:

We find from an examination of the churches as reported rather on the decrease. We find a loss or decrease in the grand total, as compared with last year, 39 in number, to the best information that we can get.

Submitted,

W. H. McKINNEY,
J. C. GILLENLINE,
DAVID RIDINGS.

Report on Prohibition

Was read by the Chairman, Brother J. A. Brinkley, which, upon motion, was recommitted to the committee for another report. The committee failing to make any other report, this Association makes no record on the question of Prohibition.

Baptist Literature.

Your Committee on Baptist Literature would report as follows:

In addition to the Word of God, we would recommend to all of our members the importance of reading the Baptist Record, our State organ; also the Tennessee Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal and Ford's Christian Repository.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Chairman.

Upon a suspension of the Regular Order of Business, Elder W. L. Pulley offered the following Preamble and Resolutions:

"WHEREAS, This Association has a long, narrow strip of territory, and but few churches. And

WHEREAS, The Tombigby Association lies on on our Eastern boundary, occupying that part of our State between the Tombigby river and the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, There is sufficient territory within the two Associations to make one strong body. And realizing that in union there is strength, and in division there is weakness. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Association appoint five messengers from this Body to meet with the Tombigby Association at its next session and ask said body to unite with us; and in case the Tombigby Association accepts said proposition, then the two Associations to meet with the Baptist church at Fulton, at the time

of our next regular meeting, and in case said union is consummated, the Association so formed to be known as the "Judson-Tombigby Association."

Which, after much argument for and against, said Resolution was rejected.

On motion, Association adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 8:30 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder W. J. Thomas.

Services at night by Elder W. L. Pulley, from Romans, 1st and 16th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Elder W. C. Thomas, Moderator, in the chair.

After singing and prayer, business was resumed as follows:

Minutes of previous day read and adopted:

On motion of Bro. J. A. Brinkley, the action yesterday in regard to uniting with the Tombigby Association was reconsidered, and after striking out the words "Fulton," and "Tombigby" at the last, said Preamble and Resolutions were passed, and the Moderator appointed as Committee to confer with the Tombigby Association as touching said union, &c.

L. S. Owen, J. W. Randolph, W. L. Pulley, J. C. Gillentine, Joe Morgan, and by special motion, Brother W. H. McKinney was added to said committee, with instructions to report their action in the premises to the next regular meeting of this body.

The following reports were submitted and adopted:

Plan for Collection of Associational Missions.

Your committee on presenting a plan for the collection of Associational Mission Fund, would beg leave to report the following:

First, that each pastor present the subject of Associational Missions to his respective churches in October, and that the deacons of the church take a list of the members of the church and solicit a subscription to the same and collect the subscriptions by the first meeting in November, and forward the same immediately to the Treasurer of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. PULLEY, Chairman.
J. C. GILLENLINE,
W. H. MCKINNEY,
J. W. RANDOLPH,
A. J. DOTY.

Report on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report the following:

We look upon this subject as one of great importance, as we believe the minister is accountable for the faith and practice of the church. As pastor or overseer, it is his duty to feed the

flock, that they may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of the truth, and thereby, reflect a powerful light in the world—the light of truth; in order that the minister teach, and thereby feed the flock successfully, it is necessary that his education be equal to the opposing influences. We, therefore, recommend the churches to look well to that duty, and pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the field. We also recommend the churches to act with great care in this matter, and in watchfulness and in prayer, try to educate ministers, and not men, to make them ministers. We further recommend that the churches patronize our College at Clinton, in said education.

WM. J. THOMAS,
Chairman.

On motion, business was suspended to listen to sermon by Elder L. Ball, who entertained the large and attentive audience with a most eloquent discourse upon "The Blood of Christ," from 7th verse, 1st chapter of John, after which, there was an adjournment for refreshments until 1, p. m.

Afternoon.

Association called together by singing; Moderator in the chair. Letters from Friendship Church read and her delegates welcomed.

Regular order of business suspended, and Association went into selection of place for holding next session of this body. Brother W. L. Pulley placed in nomination, "New Prospect Church," Monroe County; Brother A. J. Dotey placed in nomination, "Pleasant Hill" Church, Lee County.

Upon the vote being taken, the result was in favor of meeting with Pleasant Hill Church, three miles east from Tupelo, in Lee County. Introductory—Elder L. S. Owen; Alternate—Elder W. H. Moore.

J. C. Partlow, Chairman of Committee on Documents, presented the following report, which was read and adopted.

Your Committee on Documents report that we find the Union of the first District will meet with the church at Manta-chie, Thursday before the third Lord's Day in August, A. D. 1886. Elder W. A. Reynolds to preach the introductory sermon, Brother J. J. Turner, Alternate. Brethren will read essays as follows:

1. Church Discipline—F. M. Gregory.
2. What are the most inviting features of Heaven—Eld. T. M. Merchant.
3. The Evils of Intemperance—J. W. Morris.
4. Who are the poor of the Church—S. H. Turner.
5. What is the Sin against the Holy Ghost—W. H. McKinney.
6. The Unity of the Church—A. J. Moore.
7. Is there a difference between private and public Officers—J. J. Turner.

8. The Duty of Deacons—J. A. McCully.

We also find that the Union of the Second District will meet with the Union Hill Church, Thursday before the first Lord's Day in August, 1886. Elder J. C. Gillentine to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. H. Moore, Alternate. The following brethren were appointed to write essays:

1. To whom was the great Commission given—J. C. Gillentine.
2. Support of the Ministry—W. S. Sheffield.
3. The Duty of Deacons—W. J. Thomas.
4. The preservation of the Saints—J. W. Randolph.
5. Is there a difference between private and public Officers—J. M. Armstrong.
6. What is the Sin against the Holy Ghost—W. H. Moore.
7. Do the Saints go to Heaven immediately after death—W. C. Thomas.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. C. PARTLOW,
Chairman.

On motion of Elder J. W. Randolph, the present Executive Board was re-elected, except Brother Bennett Leslie was chosen instead of Brother Calvin Marshall, who on account of feebleness is unable to serve on said Board.

Report on Sunday-schools

Your Committee on Sunday-schools would respectfully report: That we would most earnestly urge upon the churches, the organization of Sunday-schools, and the adoption as far as practicable, as helps the publications of the Southern Baptist Publication Society. "Train up a child in the way it should go," we regard as an imperative duty, and outside of the discipline of the family, we esteem no system as more important in the imparting of the truths of the Holy Scriptures to the minds of the young, the middle-aged and even to the old, than through the medium of a well ordered and properly disciplined Sunday-school under the fostering care of the Church.

Submitted,

L. S. OWEN,
Chairman.

Finance Committee, through their Chairman, presented the following report:

Minute Fund collected.....	\$ 18 90.
From Fellowship Church.....	\$0 75.
" Friendship ".....	1 25
" New Prospect (M. C.) Church.....	2 10
" Boguesfallow Church.....	1 50
" Judson ".....	75
" Evergreen ".....	1 00
" Liberty ".....	50
" Unity ".....	1 15
" Pleasant Hill ".....	1 20
" Richmond ".....	1 00
" Center Hill ".....	2 00
" Hopewell ".....	63

" Union Hill "	50	
" Oak Hill "	45	
" Oak Grove "	1 75	
" Mantachie's Creek Church.....	1 00	
" Mt Vernon Church.....	30	
" Macedonia "	15	
" Individuals & Shiloh.....	35	
Total.....	\$18 90	\$18 90

Associational Missions.....		\$27 70
From New Prospect Church.....	\$5 05	
" Judson "	5 00	
" Liberty "	50	
" Pleasant Hill "	4 50	
" Center Hill "	3 70	
" Sister Ivey "	50	
" Mantachie's Creek "	1 25	
" Friendship "	55	
" Hopewell "	3 20	
" James Eliff & wife.....	50	
" Charley Stephens.....	50	
" Elder W. C. Thomas.....	2 00	
" Sister Harris.....	20	
" " Gibson.....	25	
Total.....	\$27 70	\$27 70

Foreign Missions.....		\$3 7
From Center Hill Church.....	\$3 50	
" Hopewell "	20	
Total.....	\$3 70	\$3 70

Recapitulation.

Received on Minute Fund.....	\$18 90	
" " Associational Missions.....	27 7	
" " Foreign "	3 70	
	\$50 30	

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. DOTEY,
Chairman.

On motion, Elder L. Ball, State Evangelist, explained, at length, the workings of Missions, etc., under the auspices of the New State Board, and offered resolutions looking to a co-operation by this Association with the State Board, in all benevolent work.

Upon the vote being taken, said resolutions were lost, this Association refusing to co-operate with the State Board, and pledging herself to look after all destitutions within her own bounds, and as being able and willing to do her own work, independently.

Public collection was called for, to make up deficit of \$50, due on Associational Missions, which resulted in cash collection of \$20.05, and a sufficient amount in pledges to be paid in thirty

days to meet the same, which pledges were placed in the hands of Executive Board for collection.

Correspondents were as follows:

To State Convention—Elder L. S. Owen and Brother J. S. Stanley.

Chickasaw Association—Elder J. W. Randolph.

Tishomingo Association—Elder J. W. Randolph and Brother J. F. Dalton.

West Judson Association—Brethren J. C. Partlow, A. J. Dotey, J. M. Cook and J. A. Williams.

Tombigbee Association—Elders L. S. Owen, J. W. Randolph, W. L. Pulley, J. C. Gillentine, W. H. McKinney and Brother Joe Morgan.

Letter From Sister Ogden.

LITTLE RIVER, OCT. 7TH, 1885.

To the Ouachita Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:

By the goodness and mercy of my Heavenly Father, I address you by letter, not being able to meet you in person. I am the only living member of the church at this place; the house is nearly rotten down. We do not have any preaching, but I am in hopes we will have soon. Brother Routon, your missionary, has been here and is trying to have our house repaired. I am in hopes he will succeed, and that light is in the near future.

Now, brethren, pray for me and the cause of Christ in this part of my Lord's vineyard, for souls are perishing for the want of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Hear the prayer of a poor sister in the Lord, and send help in His name.

Yours in Christ,

SUSAN OGDEN,
First Baptist Church, on Little River.

OBITUARY.

IN MEMORY OF ELDER JOSEPH F. CHAPMAN.

Brother Chapman was born December 30th, 1842, in the State of Alabama; removed to this State in 1858. He obtained a hope in Jesus of the salvation of his soul in the year 1865, and joined Aimwell Church; was married to Sister Elizabeth Pool in 1866, who now survives him; was ordained by Antioch Church in August 1880, by Brothers T. A. Routon and J. P. Blake, presbytery.

The five years of Brother Chapman's ministry was spent in earnest labor in the cause of Christ, and he was blessed by the Great Head of the Church. He had a long and protracted case of dropsy, which he bore with Christian fortitude until

the last moment, calling his family around him, in a clear voice, bidding them farewell and exhorting them to meet him in heaven, "where sickness and sorrow, pain and death are feared no more." He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his loss. But thank God we feel that our loss is his eternal gain. We offer to his bereaved family our sympathies, and pray the blessing of a kind Providence upon them.

His death we mourn, who lately stood
A herald of the Mighty God;
Proclaimed the Savior of our race,
And bore the message of His grace.

Laborious in his Master's cause,
His view not lucre nor applause,
To spend and to be spent resigned,
If souls through Christ salvation find.

With pointed language, flaming zeal,
He to the conscience did appeal;
With tenor sought the soul to move,
Or draw it with cords of love.

But all his labors now are o'er,
And we shall hear his voice no more.
His dust lies silent in the tomb,
He's gone to Heaven, his final home.

Jesus, though earthly shepherds die,
Do thou thy churches still supply
With gifts instruction to impart,
Pastors according to thy heart.

T. A. ROUNTON,
J. C. COOK,
T. F. McCARTY,
Committee.

REMARKS.

This session of the body was one of great interest. The delegates seem to be determined to organize a mission work in their churches. The pastors of the various churches were full of mission work and speeches, and it is to be hoped that the churches will do what is asked of them on that all important subject.

The weather was all that we could wish for, and we were all well entertained. Our Methodist brethren assisted nobly in entertaining us. The congregations were large, attentive and orderly. Brother Tomkies took up a collection on Sunday for his various works, which amounted to \$9.35.

CLERK.

Treasurer's Report.

To Amount received for Minutes.....	\$18 90
" Association! Missions.....	37 00
" Foreign ".....	3 70
" by Public Collection for Missions.....	20 05

Total.....\$78 45

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By paid to Elder W. L. Pulley.....	\$12 30
" Elds. Gillentine & McKinney.....	43 35
" L. S. Owen, Clerk for Minutes.....	18 90
" B. W. Griffith, per receipt, on am't for For. Missions.....	3 70

Balance amt. on hand.....20

\$78 45

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Treasurer.

The following resolutions were offered by Elder J. W. Randolph, and were unanimously adopted by the Association.

Resolved, 1st, That we do hereby return our thanks to Center Hill Church and the citizens of the neighborhood for their cordial and hospitable entertainment during the present session of this body:

Resolved, 2d, That our prayers and best wishes go with our very dear and venerable Moderator, Elder W. C. Thomas for the sacrifices he has made in discharging the duties of his office in great feebleness of health. We also tender our thanks as a body, to Brother L. S. Owen, who, as clerk of our Association, has seen fit to discharge his duties without any remuneration.

After a most feeling farewell address by our venerable Moderator, and prayer by Elder Wm. J. Thomas, singing and parting hand extended, and benediction by Elder L. Ball, the Association adjourned to meet with Pleasant Hill Church, on Thursday before the 2d Sunday in September, 1886.

WM. C. THOMAS Mod,
L. S. OWEN, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the united Baptist churches in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter from the following Associations, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw, and Bear Creek, have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the order and Rules of an Association, according to the following plan:

ART. 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The letters from the churches are to express No. of white male and female members, No. of colored members, time of meeting, No. baptized, received by baptism, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded or dead since the last Association, the name of the pastor and postoffice.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen, and convened, shall be known as the JUDSON ASSOCIATION, who shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, or infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in union, but shall be advisory council, for the common benefit of all the churches, and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union, who may depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel either in faith or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopt and believe, may be seen in our Abstract.)

ART. 4. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every hundred members above one hundred. Should any church neglect to represent herself, she shall state the reason in her letter to the next Association.

ART. 5. New churches may be admitted into this body, who petition by letter and delegates. If found to be sound in faith, and in good order, the reception thereof to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

ART. 6. The Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum, of their own adoption.

ART. 7. This Association shall annually elect a Moderator from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions properly brought before it. Also a Clerk shall be elected whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

ART. 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

ART. 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, which shall be raised by the voluntary contributions of the churches, sent by their delegates, which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him as Treasurer.

ART. 10. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismission of churches, which shall be unanimous.

ART. 11. This Association will correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach an Introductory Sermon, with an alternate, at each succeeding session, also the time and place for the next Association.

ART. 13. No charge will be received against any church in our Union, only when established by a sister church.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by two-thirds of the churches composing the body.

ART. 15. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association finally adjourns.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and practice.

2d. We believe that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; that there are three persons in this one God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit; and that this triune God is the only object of all religious worship and adoration; and that all worship paid to anything else, in the name of God, is Idolatry and abomination in His sight.

3d. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness, and became both sinful and depraved, and as a natural consequence, that all his posterity, by ordinary generation, are involved in all the consequences of his fall.

4th. We believe that man, by nature, has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition; and that unless God himself had provided a way of salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because they all have sinned.

5th. We believe that God has provided a way of salvation, and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of His Son, that this way of Salvation was adopted in the Eternal Council before the foundation of the world, according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

6th. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine being, and that all his hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption, is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7. We believe that Jesus Christ the Eternal Son of God, is the only Mediator between God and man, that he first became our surety, and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that He makes before the Throne in our behalf is built upon His own and all-atoning sacrifice, and perfect righteousness before God.

8th. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity, is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition; and in making the Gospel plan of mercy plain and acceptable to him.

9th. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is in all, and upon all them that believe.

10th. We believe that all who are called to be Saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall be eternally saved.

11th. We believe that Christian churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change of heart, and who have been regularly baptized.

12th. We believe that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man, or number of men distinct from the body; but that it is left to the whole church.

13th. We believe that the first day of the week, called the Lord's Day, is sanctified or set apart for the public worship of God; and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation or labor, except so much as may be devoted to works of necessity or mercy.

14th. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the Church, and the advancement of His Kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry as God in His providence may give them ability.

15th. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive Institutions or Ordinances to be observed in His Church, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper; that Baptism is immersion in water, in the name of the

Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that Baptism precedes the Lord's Supper AND none but regularly baptized ministers have any right to administer them.

16th. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; that the just will rise to everlasting life, and the unjust to everlasting shame and contempt.

17th. Finally, we believe that the Gospel, with all its obligations, privileges and blessings, has been committed to the Church; and it is especially enjoined to make it known to every creature, while a risen and ascended Savior pledges His presence to the end of the world.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1 The Association shall be opened by prayer.

Art. 2 The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the Judge of Order, but any member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal, provided that appeal is made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak, he shall call on some brother to take the Chair.

Art. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

Art. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflections.

Art. 7. No one shall speak more than once upon any subject, until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Art. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

Art. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

Art. 10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

Art. 11. Any member violating the Rules shall be subject to be reprov'd by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

Art. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these Rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post-Office	Names of Delegates.	Total Fellowship	Excluded	Dis by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Letter	Received by Baptism	Days of Meeting	Contribution for Minutes
Friendship	T H Turner	Guntown	J Hoverton, J A Williams, J H Crowson, G H Loller.	130	5	9	6	1	4	3	\$1.25
Mantachie	J C Gillentine	Mantachie	J W Fyles, J R Kirksey and Rev J J Turner	85	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.00
Union Hill	A J Moore	Verona	W W McDuffie, W J Kirksey and W T Gray	42	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Belbel	T M Merchant	Mooreville	W J McDuffie, W J Kirksey and J G Coffman	42	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Oak Hill	J D Barton	Mooreville	W M Seigler, J A McCully, J McVeigh, and J J Leigh	34	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Shiloh	J J Turner	Guntown	C F Dalton, S Houston and James Horne.	27	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Hopewell	J C Gillentine	Mantachie	W C Thomas, J C Gillentine, W J Thomas, T E McMaster	146	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Hornerlaw	A J Moore	Richmond	W H McKinney, J Clayton and A Gregory, H Gregory, etc	184	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Unity	T M Merchant	Mooreville	S D Stegall, T S Mullins and J M Armstrong	35	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Evergreen	W L Pullay	Richmond	W L Pullay, T J Smith, T H Pope and W H Ware, etc	112	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
New Prospect	W L Pullay	Aberdeen	W J Denton, W A Reynolds, J Conner and J M Merchant	78	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Fellowship	W A Reynolds	Fulton	A J Doty, C C Payne, T M Smith, D Chilcoat and J Griffin	87	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Mt Vernon	A J Moore	Tupelo	D H Ridings, R M Brown and D M Brown	35	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Pleasant Hill	J W Randolph	Biggy Fork	W H Moore, J W Randolph, J Moore and C W Williams	101	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Liberty	J C Gillentine	Richmond	Mantachie, J S Owen, T M Merchant, J W Thornberg, J H Cummings	6	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Oak Grove	J C Gillentine	Richmond	Hour land, D W Swain	101	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Macdonald	W L Pullay	Verona	J A Brinkley, J C Farlow, T Powell and L B Gandy	11	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Judson	A J Moore	Verona		11	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Centre Hill				11	1	6	2	1	4	3	1.50
Total				14169	1	11	11	11	11	11	18 90

Number of Churches, 20.

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Mantachie	J C Gillette	Mantachie	J W Fyles, J R Kirksey and Rev J J Turner	88	1	6	2	1	6	4	3	\$1 00
Union Hill	A J Moore	Verona	W W McDume, Walter Gray, W T Gray and J C Lawhorn	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Bebel	T M Merchant	Mooreville	W M Segler, J A McCully, J McVeigh, and J J Leifer	71	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Oak Hill	J D Barton	Guntown	W M Segler, J A McCully, J McVeigh, and J J Leifer	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Shiloh	J J Turner	Mantachie	W M Segler, J A McCully, J McVeigh, and J J Leifer	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Hopewell	J C Gillette	Richmond	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	146	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Horsetalaw	A J Moore	Mooreville	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	164	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Unity	T M Merchant	Saltillo	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Evergreen	Wm C Thomas	Richmond	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
New Prospect	W L Pulley	Aberdeen	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	112	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Fellowship	W L Pulley	Saltillo	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	78	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Mt Vernon	W A Reynolds	Tupelo	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Pleasant Hill	A J Moore	Richmond	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	69	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Liberty	J W Randolph	Biggy Fork	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Richmond	J C Gillette	Richmond	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	101	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Oak Grove	J C Gillette	Mantachie	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Macedonia	W L Pulley	Bourland	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	115	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Judson	A J Moore	Verona	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	115	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Centre Hill	A J Moore	Verona	W H McKinnis, J C Gillette, W J Thomas, T E McMasler	115	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50
Total				1469	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$1 50

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